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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ILWU DELEGATES TO PHILIPPINES AUGUST 3-22, 1975

1. GOOD (S/IL) AND WALKINSHAW (EA/RA) WILL BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED COPIES CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN LABATT AND HARRY BRIDGES, PRESIDENT, ILWU (INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE-EMN'S AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION) AIR POUCHED JULY 11. LETTER DATED JULY 15 FROM BRIDGES (COPIES BEING AIR POUCHED) NOW CONFIRMS 3-MAN ILWU TEAM WILL VISIT PHILIPPINES AUGUST 3-22. AS REQUESTED BY ILWU, LABATT WILL BRIEF DELEGATES, ARRANGE SOME INITIAL TRADE UNION CONTACTS, AND PROVIDE TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS. AT OUR SUGGESTION, DELEGATES (WHO HAIL FROM SEATTLE, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND HONOLULU) WILL ALSO TOUCH BASE WITH AAFLI, WHICH ALREADY INFORMED.

2. JUDGING FROM PAST EXPERIENCES SUCH VISITS, BOTH TRADE UNIONS AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HERE WILL BE PLEASED COOPERATE TO MAKE VISIT SUCCESSFUL. IN ORDER ENABLE EMBASSY RESPOND TO EXPECTED QUERIES, HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT BACKGROUND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. A) WHAT IS CURRENT STATE ILWU RELATIONS WITH AFL-CIO AND TEAMSTERS? B) DOES ILWU HAVE ANY INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION, E.G. WITH ITF? C) DOES ILWU STILL HAVE RADICAL REPUTATION?

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